GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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BAN ON LANDMINES
SIMRANJIT SINGH MANN

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to sign the Ottawa Convention banning the use of landmines;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) India has not signed the 1997 `Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction`, also known as the Ottawa Convention, as it does not adequately address its security concerns. India is, however, party to the Inhumane Weapons Convention and is fully committed to its Amended Protocol II which deals with Anti-Personnel Landmines. India has urged for universal application of the Inhumane Weapons Convention and all its four Protocols.